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MEMORANDUM FOR: PB II

SUBJECT: Guidance for PW Phase of BOFINED

1. In carrying out its assignment, the PW phase of BOFINED will inevitably touch on issues involving the foreign policy of the United States and its relations with other countries. In addition, situations may develop which will require that stands be taken committing the Committee for Free Albania on matters of great concern to any future Albanian regime. I am therefore requesting guidance from you on the following points:

- a. What position should the PW phase take on the question of Greek-Albanian relations?
- b. What position should be taken on Italy, its past involvements in Albania and its current attempts to restore some of its influence?
- c. What can be said about possible American aid to a free Albanian government?
- d. What should be said about relations between Yugoslavia and Albania? Here several questions arise themselves:

(1) Does the PW phase, speaking in the name of the Committee, maintain neutrality in discussing Yugoslavia's current difficulties with the Cominform? If so, what attitude does it take toward current Yugoslav efforts to influence the situation inside Albania.

(2) Does the PW phase actively seek to encourage "Titoism" in the bosom of the Albanian Communist Party?

(3) Is there any objection to playing on traditional Albanian hatred for Slavdom in building hostility toward the Soviets? It should be recalled that when the term "Slav" is mentioned, the Albanian thinks immediately of the Serb, for whom he has a traditional animosity.

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e. Are there any particular cautions with regard to Turkish relations with Albania? In particular, is there any objection to referring to the Turkish occupation of Albania as an historical parallel to the current situation?

f. How fulsome should be the approach of the PW phase to Great Britain and France? In particular, is emphasis put on the role Britain played in aiding the liberation of Albania?

g. There are two further questions of particular concern to Albanians rather than to the United States. They are, however, of direct concern to the PW phase.

(1) What position is to be taken toward King Zog and any possible public statements or interventions he may undertake?

(2) If the PW phase should be faced with the necessity of taking a position on the subject of the Albanian boys and their possible restoration, what should that position be? It should be recalled that the ancient land-holding system has been abolished by the Koxha regime and that this seems to have been a popular reform. On the other hand, the Committee is composed largely of former Boys.

2. I appreciate that not all of these questions can be answered immediately. However, I would urge that some thought be given them.

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